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Application of: R. Skurtveit, et al. Group Art Unit: 2221
Serial Number: 09/673,168 Examiner: S. Sharareh
Filed: November 28, 2000
For: Ultrasound Contrast Agent

Response to Office Action

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 30, 2002, in connection with the captioned application, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

Applicants are also submitting, concurrently herewith, a petition to extend the period of response two months to and including April 1, 2002.

In the Claims

Please amend claim 10 as follows:

10. (twice amended) A combined preparation as claimed in claim 1 [comprising]
wherein said administrable substance further comprises one or more destabilising substances which induce growth of the dispersed gas by flocculation, aggregation, agglomeration, coalescence, fusion or Ostwald ripening.